

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Serial No.: 10/826,697
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Ref: Q81163

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner has entered a minor objection to the specification and to claims 1, 3 and 5, as summarized on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Otherwise the case is in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants have amended the Abstract of the Disclosure and claims 1 and 5 to place the application in condition for allowance. More specifically, claim 1 was amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. With respect to claim 5, the Preliminary Amendment of August 26, 2004, contained a typographical error by referring to “6”. This has been corrected above.

With respect to claim 3, the Examiner states that lines 4 and 5 should be amended to recite “or aluminum acetate” instead of “and aluminum”. However, the relevant portion of claim 3 recites “is added to one mol of *one of* aluminum nitrate and aluminum acetate.” (emphasis added). The use of the term “*one of*” is intended to avoid the use of the alternative language “or”, but has the same meaning. Thus, Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that claim 3 is proper in its pending form.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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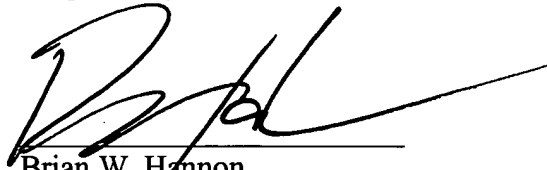
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